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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/005,133  
Confirmation No.: 8058  
Filing Date: December 5, 2001  
Examiner: Tamthom Ngo Truong  
Group Art Unit: 1624  
Applicants: Mark Ledebuer et al.  
For: INHIBITORS OF c-JUN N-TERMINAL KINASES (JNK)  
AND OTHER PROTEIN KINASES

May 23, 2005  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This is in response to the April 21, 2004 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants submitted a Notice of Appeal on October 21, 2004. Applicants have submitted herewith a request for a five-month extension of time to file an Appeal Brief and have authorized the Director to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-0725 the applicable fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5). Thus, the time for submitting an Appeal Brief is May 23, 2005<sup>1</sup>. In lieu of an Appeal Brief, applicants are submitting herewith a Request for Continued Examination. Accordingly, this amendment is timely filed.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this Reply.

Remarks begin at page 9 of this Reply.

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<sup>1</sup> With the extension of time, a Reply was due May 21, 2005, which was a Saturday. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.7(a), the Reply may be filed on the next business day.

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